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MIDEAST-DIPLOMATIC (TOPS 20)

WASHINGTON (AP)--ISRAEL AND EGYPT HAVE AGREED TO A PROPOSAL CALLING

FOR A MEETING BETWEEN MILITARY REPRESENTATIVES BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES

TO DISCUSS IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CEASE-FIRE, THE U.S. STATE

DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY.

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WASHINGTON--ADD MIDEAST-DIPLOMATIC (50)

ROBERT MCCLOSKEY, DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN, SAID THAT "AS A RESULT OF OUR GOOD OFFICES EGYPT AND ISRAEL HAVE AGREED ON A PROPOSAL THAT WOULD CALL FOR A MEETING ON THE GROUND BETWEEN THE MILITARY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TWO SIDES UNDER UNITED NATIONS AUSPICES TO ATTEMPT TO IMPLEMENT THE CEASE-FIRE AS CALLED FOR BY SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 338 AND 339."

THIS MEETING, THE FIRST BETWEEN ISRAELI AND EGYPTIAN OFFICES SINCE THE WAR BROKE OUT, WILL DEAL PRIMARILY WITH THE SITUATION ON THE GROUND AT THE SOUTHERN END OF THE SUEZ CANAL WHERE THE EGYPTIAN 3RD ARMY IS TRAPPED AGAINST THE EAST BANK.

MCCLOSKEY ALSO SAID HE EXPECTED ISRAEL WOULD ALLOW A CONVOY OF NONMILITARY SUPPLIES TO GO INTO THE AREA WHERE THE 3RD ARMY IS LOCATED.

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WASHINGTON--ADD MIDEAST-DIPLOMATIC (51)

THE SPOKESMAN INDICATED THE SUPPLIES WOULD INCLUDE FOOD, WATER AND OTHER NONMILITARY EQUIPMENT. THE CONVOY, HE SAID, WOULD BE UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF BOTH THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE RED CROSS.

NO TIME HAS BEEN SET FOR THE MEETING BETWEEN ISRAELI AND EGYPTIAN MILITARY OFFICIALS. STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS INDICATED SUCH DETAILS, INCLUDING THE LEVEL OF THE MEETING, REMAINED TO BE WORKED OUT.

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MCCLOSKEY SAID THAT THIS FIRST LIMITED MEETING IS "A PROMISING DEVELOPMENT" AND MIGHT LEAD TO FURTHER EXPANSION OF CONTACTS DEALING WITH OTHER AREAS OF THE CEASE-FIRE. BUT FOR THE MOMENT, HE SAID, THE MILITARY OFFICIALS OF THE TWO SIDES INTEND TO DEAL PRIMARILY WITH THAT AREA WHERE CEASE-FIRE VIOLATIONS STILL CONTINUE.

STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS SAID THAT WHETHER THE INITIAL CONTACT CAN BE BROADENED INTO OTHER AREAS REMAINS TO BE SEEN.

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